

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE B. BURKE

June 26, 2006

The Elder Abuse Prevention Program is an essential component in the County's efforts to eliminate the abuse and neglect of our elderly population. For the past several years, this program has allowed the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS) to partner with the Department of Health Services (DHS) in order to assess the healthcare needs of the elderly, identify any abuse or neglect which may result in physical danger to senior citizens, and provide community outreach and training to increase the public's awareness about this important issue.

While this program is clearly a valuable tool toward combating elder abuse, budget difficulties at CSS have resulted in the reduction of funding for this important program. In keeping with this Board's longtime commitment to caring for our elderly population, it is imperative that we restore funding to this program to its previous level so that CSS and DHS can continue their hard work in this area.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT** the Board of Supervisors allocate \$271,000 from the appropriation for contingency ongoing funds to the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS) for full restoration of the Elder Abuse Prevention Program which is co-located at the Department of Health Services;

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**I FURTHER MOVE THAT** this Board delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS) to amend its MOUs with the Department of Health Services (DHS) in order to reflect the restoration of these funds;

**FINALLY, I MOVE THAT** this Board direct the Directors of the Departments of Community and Senior Services and Health Services to jointly report back to this Board with outcome measures and a comprehensive evaluation of the Elder Abuse Prevention Program / Elder Abuse Forensic Centers within 180 days.

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